

Approved April 26, 2016
Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
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A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge was called to order at the above, time, place and date.

Mayor Maguire led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Bertini, Councilmember Oppelt, Councilmember Misciagna, Councilmember Capilli, Council President Bosi
Mayor Maguire

Absent: Councilmember Szot

Also Present: John Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., Borough Attorney
Kelley O'Donnell, Borough Clerk/Administrator

Mayor Maguire Reads Compliance Statement, as required by Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Mayor Maguire: I don't know if folks realized it but earlier last week we lost two volunteer firemen - good friends of the Council – good friends of the Fire Department and good friends of the Park Ridge community and we wanted to honor them tonight by calling for a moment of silence.

Mayor Maguire calls for a moment of silence in honor of fireman Frank Morgen and Bernhard Schnoor, Sr.

SUSPEND THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Maguire calls for a motion to suspend the regular order of business to **Administer the Oath's of Office** for Park Ridge Volunteer Fire Member Connor Paller and Chief Financial Officer Joseph C. Kolodziej.

A motion was made by Councilmember Misciagna and seconded by Council President Bosi to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Bertini, Oppelt, Misciagna, Capilli, Council President Bosi

ABSENT: Councilmember Szot

OATH OF OFFICE

**PARK RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE MEMBER
CONNOR PALLER**

Chief Diedrich: On behalf of the firefighters, I would like to take a moment to present Connor with his probationary firefighters shield. For those of you that don't know, we have a very active Fire Reserve Program. Connor actually joined us when he was fourteen. He has just turned eighteen and this is in a lot of ways a culmination of one chapter in his fire career and the beginning of another. I'll make a shameless plug - looking around I see a lot of people of people that are civic minded tonight and want to be involved in government. I have the perfect

avenue for you to get involved across the street. I do guarantee a lot more satisfaction than coming to Council meetings. Everybody a round of applause for Connor.

Mayor Maguire: Another member of our team is going to be recognized tonight –passing the CMFO License – our new CFO and I don't know if any of you have met our new CFO, Joe Kolodziej.

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
JOSEPH C. KOLODZIEJ**

AGENDA CHANGES

The following Resolutions are to be added to the Consent Agenda:

- Res. No 016-087- Authorize Probationary Appointment – John Reynolds to Building Maintenance Worker
- Res. No. 016-088- Authorize Provisional Appointment - Kevin Altomare to Water Repairer1/Sewer Repairer 1
- Res. No. 016-089- Authorizing Tax Exempt Status for Disabled Veteran

Mayor Maguire: Before I open to the public I just want to quick comment – there is an article published recently in the Bergen Record discussing Park Ridge water among every other water company in the State of New Jersey as well as across the country regarding what they call “unregistered contaminants.” I just want to go on the record and reassure the residents of Park Ridge that by any standard Park Ridge water is safe. I just want to go on the record. I do want to at this point invite the President of the Park Ridge Board of Public Utilities up, Mr. George Mehm, to make some additional comments about the testing that is done for Park Ridge water and to reassure the residents again that the water they are drinking is the same water that all of us are drinking and it is safe. Tonight, I notice our Director of Operations, Bill Beattie, is with us and I do see some of the Board of Public Utilities members and support staff here as well. If anyone has any questions regarding the water they should be able to answer it.

George Mehm: Thank you, Mayor. We are handing out a package of our presentation tonight. We wanted to fill you in on several different quality issues that have come up so far this year in the press – in the national press and the local press. We did want to have some conversation where there is some discussion as to the things that are going on. The document that you have is paginated so we will go through the first part of that. Back in January as things were developing in Michigan, in Flint, the Board said we had our summary from our staff – but we thought it was appropriate to ask our outside hydrogeologists environmental consultants to also do a report – take a look at things and give the Board a report. The author of that, Dave Terry, is in the audience tonight and if we get to the point of talking about certain of the chemicals we can call on Dave.

Basically, Dave prepared a Summary Report dated February 26th on the Assessment of Lead in the Park Ridge Water System and based on recent events in Flint, Michigan and more recent events in Newark – the Newark school system – we are served by a series of eighteen (18) supply wells located within Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake. Our natural lead content of the groundwater is generally non-detectable or present only at trace levels of two parts per billion or less (2 ppb).

We have been treating water produced by our wells using a sequestering agent for many decades. The effects of dissolved iron in the water which can produce a red coloration. The sequestering agent initially used to keep iron and manganese in solution to reduce coloration in the water. By the way, the product we use is the same that Suez uses so it is a very common item. We originally used it to prevent buildup as to protect the distribution system. While not initially intended to address lead and copper issues, it has been determined and we have noticed that it

can also help control pipe corrosion. It also has the additional benefits of sequestering those metals and assisting in forming protective deposits known as a “passivating layer.”

Our distribution system includes pipes that were installed as early as the 1920’s. None of the distribution system piping is constructed of lead or copper. However, there are a number of service lines (pipes connecting the water mains to individual customers) which are comprised of lead and copper and which may include joints with lead-based solder. We have never had a result in which the 90th percentile lead concentration has exceeded the 15 ppb Action Level. It is acceptable for some compliance samples collected during each round to have lead concentrations exceeding the 15 ppb Action Level – some of this is detectable as long as the 90th percentile of the collected samples during the round is below that. We have had some samples above it – of the 450 collected samples during the twenty-three year monitoring period only two samples have exceeded the original lead MCL of 50 ppb.

It is likely that the low lead results for the Park Ridge system are attributable primarily to the effective use of the sequestering agent and a good general water system operational and maintenance procedures. In the case of Flint, they actually changed where they were collecting their water from and it became a more aggressive system than what they were collecting. They had a change in their system and the agent they were using just wasn’t appropriate - but ours is and continues to be.

In conclusion, our groundwater in Park Ridge used as the water supply source naturally contains only trace to non-detectable concentrations of dissolved lead. The natural water quality is moderately corrosive. There are no lead mains within the Park Ridge distribution system but there are some lead service lines. Park Ridge utilizes a sequestering agent and we are in full compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule of the Safe Drinking Water Act since its implementation in 1992. The existing monitoring program is sufficient to ensure the continued compliance of the system with regard to meeting lead and copper regulatory requirements. Legette, Brashears & Graham and we believe that we are low risk of developing lead problems such as those affecting Flint or Newark as long as the current corrosion control treatment is in place and there are no major changes to source water used to supply the system – so that is dealing with lead.

The second one is a class of compound and it begins on Page 4 - Perfluorinated Compound Testing and we will call them (PFC’s) in drinking water. This was an article that appeared in The Bergen Record several weeks ago. They had gone to all of the consumer confidence reports which are available on our website that we submit to all of our customers by June 30th of each year and they went to all of them and said what items might be out there.

PFC’s, and there are actually six of them, are a large group of manufactured compounds that are widely used to make everyday products more resistant to stains, grease, and water. They are used in a number of things. We tested for PFC’s as required by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). There are provisions they have called Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule and in case of those six items it was during Round 3. It required all community water systems in the country to perform assessment monitoring for twenty-one (21) chemical contaminants including those six (6) that I mentioned.

We did the testing in November and December 2014 and the second round was performed in May 2015. The samples were sent to an EPA Certified Lab and were tested for those compounds along with all of the other chemicals we were required to test for in that round. All of our results were sent to the EPA.

I can happily say for Park Ridge in both rounds of this testing, all of our sample results for the PFC’s came back below the Minimum Reporting Level which is the smallest measured concentration of a substance that can be reliably measured by using a given analytical method. We tested on the order of over fifty items over that period of time. What you have is when you are testing you can’t go down to 0000, you go down to a parts per billion and in the case of these you are looking at 0.01 to 0.09 ppb so you are looking at very, very small amounts of it. In our case we didn’t have any above the detected limits – so you can close that one out - that one is pretty good.

More recently this Sunday, the Record had an article on detection of 1,4-Dioxane in many of the community water systems including ours. The 1,4-Dioxane is used primarily as a purifying agent in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals and is a byproduct in the manufacture of polyethylene. Traces are present in food supplements, food containing residues and a number of other things. We also as part of that Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule Round mandated by the EPA - we sampled those - actually performing on twenty-one (21) separate items.

Sampling was done and we sent the results in November and December 2014 and May 2015 to the EPA Certified Lab and those results were sent to the EPA. Our maximum detected limit or level was 0.19 parts per billion. We had a number of samples that showed nothing above the 0.4 number. There is no state or federal requirements at this point on in concentrations in water. Several of the states, and that would be eight of them, have put out recommended guidelines of between 1 and 70 parts per billion and ours were at .14. New Jersey made some noise about maybe a 0.04 limit but we are below that in any case.

There is at this point no suitable treatment methods readily available for removing it. There is some feeling that at least the carbon filters we have does some removal. I believe at some point there will be some kind of a test or some type of a treatment mechanism but until then there really isn't.

As it relates to the Dioxane sample results – it is an unregulated contaminant which doesn't necessarily mean that we are not going to look at it. There are other unregulated contaminants that we deal with and we filter for but in this case, even if we were to go by a standard that New Jersey may or may not approve, all of our well testing showed that we were still above – below any type of an action limit. So again, the results are available to the public. You can go on the www.parkridgeboro.com – go to the Board of Public Works and then we do post those also besides getting them in the mail and also the packages included a lot of background stuff if you have a great desire to want to read it. That is the presentation and I certainly can answer any questions you might have or anyone else might have.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you, George. Certainly appreciate the information. I found it interesting that the article didn't mention that Suez has the same unregistered contaminants as well, but again I want to thank you. I failed to mention that the supervisors from the Water Company are here as well and all their efforts in terms of the testing. We are certainly required by the State to do a certain level of testing and I can tell you that Park Ridge goes above and beyond in terms of that testing. I appreciate this information will be up on the website and I know the EPA also has a lot of information on it as well. I've been educating myself on these unregistered contaminants.

George Mehm: We will be forwarding copies of the document to the Board of Health in Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake.

Mayor Maguire: Excellent. Thank you. Do any Councilmembers have any questions for Mr. Mehm?

June Bertini: I just want to thank you for the extraordinary amount of work in response to something that might have been a concern and it is good to hear that you are so on top of everything as usual.

Mayor Maguire: At this point I'll ask the public if there is anyone that has a question regarding the water quality in Park Ridge.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Maguire asks if anyone present wishes to be heard on any matter.

Upon recognition by the Mayor, the person shall proceed to the floor and give his/her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records. Unless further time is granted by the Council, he/she shall limit his/her statement to five (5) minutes. Statements shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, without recognition by the Mayor.

David O'Sullivan – 252 Capri Terrace – My question pertains to the dioxane and I know that it is a non-registered contaminant at this point. I guess my concern is that they did identify this as a potential carcinogen, a likely carcinogen, and I guess my concern with that specifically is the fact that it is soluble with water whereas our treatment systems now are more geared towards volatile organics which you can strip out of the water and use activated carbon fairly easily to remove contaminants. I guess has the Water Department started looking at what the potential cost would be if we had to start removing dioxane from the water? As it is soluble, I know that makes it very difficult to do. I think I've read somewhere in an article – I don't know if it is the same article – that there was a treatment plant that cost quite a bit of money to build that. I just wanted to know if you started looking at how this potentially, if indeed 0.4 is going to be the number, we are about half that at our maximum concentration if indeed we start to exceed that are we starting to plan or put some sort of monies aside or at least anticipate how they are going to start to treat that water and how it may affect the overall citizens in Park Ridge.

George Mehm: No, we have not. You should know, we are still waiting for the State to come up with regulations on perchlorate which is about 10 years – we do filter for it with resin – they have been circling – I would presume that at some point in the not too distant future there will be some type of a treatment that is available. Again, there is a little bit of carbon – most of our filters are carbon so if there is any benefit to that we are able to do that – me, not necessarily. We do pull stuff out that is not necessarily just PFC's.

Mr. O'Sullivan: As far as the spill that sort of contaminated our water supply system have we identified the responsible party or parties and do they sort of provide monies to offset the cost that Park Ridge incurs to remediate the water?

George Mehm: There are several parties actually – it depends on which of the contaminants you are talking about but the Borough for the better part of twenty years ago instituted litigation against all the responsible parties. The State of New Jersey refused to do really anything for us so we were on our own. We went through 5 1/4 years of litigation with a lot of professional work and we ultimately came to a settlement with the responsible parties and their insurance companies.

Mr. O'Sullivan: Other than treating the water after it is removed from the wells, are we doing anything proactively to try to remediate the water system? As far as doing some sort of in-sewage treatment or something of that nature as opposed to treating it once we pull it out, I am not sure if you guys have analyzed that or not. Just looking at some of the reports, again I haven't looked at them recently, but it seems like the susceptibility especially as it pertains to volatile organics is now a high rating. It is just a bit concerning that I think a few years ago some of those wells were in maybe the medium category. It seems that a lot of them are moving into the high susceptibility rating. It is just kind of concerning and I just want to get your thoughts on it.

George Mehm: You will be pleased to know that the PFC's in the wells are declining and in some cases they are declining to levels that would not require us at one part per billion to filter those wells. We are active with the DEP – the responsible parties have some requirements to provide and begin treatment. We've opposed one particular treatment plan that was presented by somebody in Montvale and we believe that they should be pouring more water out at the site rather than having us clean it. We test our wells influent and affluent once a month if you put a filter on it and that is a report that the State required. We are able to test at the mid-point also. We are pretty aggressive – more than the State requires – aggressive on making sure our water – because we don't drink – I was at the diner last night and had two glasses of beautiful Park Ridge water. We are all drinking the same water. It is up to us and our staff to make sure that the water we provide is high quality.

Mr. O'Sullivan: Geographically speaking, what are some of the areas of concern with respect to the location of wells that you are seeing the highest concentrations?

Mr. Mehm: It depends on the contaminant. There are some contaminants that are on the east side - there are some contaminants on the west side. There is one well that (*inaudible*) and we treat for arsenic – towards the middle of town and then we have perchlorate wells that are where floral places were. It varies by location.

Mr. O'Sullivan: As it pertains to redevelopment in town, obviously any sort of redevelopment that would increase the number of people in our town - obviously induce or have to yield more water to the system do you anticipate any increased cost with that or any plans as to how you are going to handle?

Mr. Mehm: Several years ago –maybe four or five years ago – we identified that it was going to be time to put another well in. We have 20 – we are looking for a Well #21. Our current maximum draw and our requirements - our demand requirements are adequate at this point. As you probably know, we have not put any restrictions on any of our water for I don't remember how many years ago – might be twenty years at this point – so our water is in good shape now. What we wanted to do was plan for the future. Four or five years ago we came up with the idea where we might place a well. We have a lot of wells in Park Ridge – we don't really need another one there that we identified that we would want another well on the what we call the Upper System and so we went through maybe two dozen sites that Woodcliff Lake gave us and we came up with one and we are in the early stages of doing some testing on it. Did we start the test yet? Once we get the permit from the State we will do the test to see how productive the well is and see what's there.

I think at this point, let's all be honest with ourselves – we are likely to find stuff in almost any water we grade – that is the nature of New Jersey – that is the nature of what is there. The important thing is that a lot of it – most of it or all of it can be treated. We don't put stuff in our system if there is a problem. The Board thirty plus years ago before I was on it when there was a well problem identified at Well #17 – put the best available treatment which was carbon and we continued to operate that well. We don't see any contaminants coming out of it – good quality stuff.

Mr. O'Sullivan: Do you anticipate the well in Woodcliff Lake to be upgraded – any known contaminants or known releases at this point?

Mr. Mehm: Tell me what the contaminants are and I'll tell you. It depends on the fractures in the bedrock. Some of them might not hit based upon the northwest to southeast fractures that occur within the system. You don't know until you test it - and when you start pouring a lot of water out of the system you can start impacting what was apparent there. Until we find out what's there, we want to make sure that it will be productive enough and then we want to figure out what the cost is to treat (*inaudible*). It is a very long process – it will probably take us the better part of four years at this point. It is an expensive process so we don't do it lightly. The State filing fees –just the filing fees alone are \$18,000. Wells do have a lifetime of their own. They will slow up. (*Inaudible*).

Mr. O'Sullivan: Thank you.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you, Mr. Sullivan. George, thank you. As you stated, managing a water system is certainly a dynamic and ever-changing thing and I learned something new about the Park Ridge water system every time I speak to you. Thank you and thank you to the Board.

Mr. Mehm: Would certainly like to thank Bill, Dave Terry, Bill, and Chris O'Leary who some of you may not have met. Chris is the new person to our staff. He is the Assistant Water Supervisor and he'll be with us hopefully for a long period of time.

Mayor Maguire: Welcome, Chris. Thank you, George and thanks, Bill. At this point, I will open it up to the public for anyone that would like to speak on any agenda item or non-agenda item this evening.

Phil Mania - Mania Hair Studio - I am the owner of Mania Hair Studio in Park Ridge – right across the street. Just recently we were informed of some problems or challenges that we are having with the parking situation behind this building over by Memorial Field so we just kind of want to make sure that everything is clarified and that we can move forward. We found the information out through I think it is the Park Ridge Mom's Facebook and got an opportunity to read some of the threats and it just seems like there is a lot of misinformation. We have been in town for over thirty years and I grew up here. I love the town and I just want to kind of clear the air and make sure that everybody knows what is really going on – what we are allowed to do –

what we are not allowed to do. If there has been any issues we certainly want to resolve them but we have been allowed to park behind this building, Memorial Field, since 2010 and there are no issues that I am aware of until approximately March 11th – that is when I was informed of some of these issues. I don't know another forum to try to get this resolved so that is why we are here tonight.

Mayor Maguire: I appreciate you coming out, Phil. I guess maybe everyone shouldn't believe what they read on Facebook. I don't know what was posted on Facebook. I am aware that some of your employees do park back there on occasion.

Mr. Mania: On a regular basis, yes.

Mayor Maguire: And they purchase the commuter lot permits. Is the issue that someone complained that there was an issue with the parking for a game or something and your employees were parked there?

Mr. Mania: I'm referring to only back here at Memorial Field. I think what might have happened was when the tandem lines were created – obviously you probably know this – there is tandem parking – two spaces. The problem is it is really not about Mania Hair Studio, our employees, it is about anyone who parks in that first spot - if whoever parks behind them isn't on the same agenda you can't get out. What our employees were doing – I think what may have caused some frustration, is we were not parking all the way up in the first spot because no one was able to get out so I think that is what caused the frustration on this Facebook site. I wasn't aware of anything until I was made aware of this Facebook site – that is why I keep referencing the Facebook site. I just want to take care of it and move forward and just kind of resolve.

Mayor Maguire: And clearly we want to and I think that is probably what happened. I don't know what you were originally told or when you originally came to the Borough and said I need some parking because clearly this Council has tried to help the downtown businesses wherever we can. In terms of parking, we have opened up some of the spots at the Commuter Lot to the downtown businesses and we are trying to help anyway we can. Now I'm curious – how many of your employees actually park back there?

Mr. Mania: I can hand this to you or I can read it to you. It doesn't matter. Tuesdays from 9:00am-2:00pm we have seven cars back here. From 2:00pm-8:00pm we have eleven on Tuesdays. On Wednesday mornings we have fourteen from 9:00am-2:00pm - on Wednesday evenings we have nine. On Thursday mornings we have fourteen from 9am-3pm. Thursday evenings we have nine until 8:00 pm and then Fridays we could have as many as twenty-two to twenty-four on Fridays - no parking on Saturday there. We don't park there on Saturdays.

Mayor Maguire: I wasn't aware it was that many, Phil. We should talk – we will consult with the Police Department because I'm guessing that the issue was that folks went back there for a game and there was no parking.

Councilmember Capilli: Mr. Mayor, not to interrupt – that is exactly the issue that I heard was that people were attempting to go to the playgrounds. They are attempting to use the facilities and they weren't able to get parking and a lot of it was they said that no one pulls forward in the tandem spots and that a lot of them they believed were from Mania's Hair Salon and so that is where I think this originated from.

Mr. Mania: It originated from the Facebook site. and as I said, there has been times that people haven't been parking all the way up front in that first spot - I completely agree with that – but if you park in the first spot, no matter if it is an employee of mine or anybody who is back there, it doesn't really make much sense because you are not going to be able to get out unless you are on the exact same agenda. This isn't about Facebook - but you could see as the threats continue on and on there is some of the people that live in town they start to say that. You could tell that they were saying like, “Well, what happens if we are not on the same agenda.” Well, there were jokes cracked, “well I'll make sure I call you when we go to the library together” because it is going to happen no matter if we are back there or not. We were allowed to park back there so we are not doing anything that we aren't supposed to do – but again, definitely we

were not parking in the first spots but it is challenging if there is an emergency – what would you do? Forget about us – I mean I’m assuming you get a pretty good amount of traffic back there.

Councilmember Misciagna: Mr. Mania, if it is your employees that are taking up half a dozen spots or in some cases two or three times that, could you ask them to try to fill that up and let those people that are working the same shifts.

Mr. Mania: Absolutely, so when this all went down that was the first thing that as the owner I said to everybody - let’s talk about this and see what we can do. We have been here forever so we know everybody – you know what I mean – so let’s try to live together and be happy so that is what we would like to do – that is what we are going to try to do. The only problem is again if there is an emergency. For example – I believe it was last week one of the girls who works for me had an allergic reaction and she had to get out of the space and she was trapped. She couldn’t get her car out.

Councilmember Misciagna: I assume that the other person blocking her wasn’t one of your employees?

Mr. Mania: I was just about to say that. I don’t want you to assume that it was all of us that were blocking her because that was not the case so that is why I am here. I just wanted to kind of get that out.

Mayor Misciagna: We will certainly try to work with you, Phil.

Mr. Mania: Thank you.

Mayor Misciagna: You are a part of our community. I know your business has been here for many, many years. It may take some scheduling – maybe we can ask the Facebook folks to encourage the use of those tandem spots – maybe that will work because to date nothing else has seemed to encourage folks to use those spots – those seven additional spots – because you are losing seven spots by not using those tandem spots.

Mr. Mania: Agreed.

Mayor Maguire: But the theory was that it was for the coach.

Mr. Mania: Oh, o.k.

Mayor Maguire: So the coach would pull in, the players would park behind the coaches, and then the coaches would arrive first and would also be the last to leave.

Mr. Mania: So maybe we could talk and figure something out.

Mayor Maguire: So that was the theory behind it but it has not worked.

Mr. Mania: I don’t who to talk to but I already have some ideas just from that one thing that you just said if that is how it was supposed to be used.

Mayor Maguire: And there is parking available on the other side of the bridge. Clearly it is not asphalt but there is the ability to park on the other side of the bridge back there.

Mr. Mania: No problem – I won’t take up any more of your time. I just want to say that we have been parking back there since 2010 and we have not expanded the amount of employees we have. It is completely the same. As a matter of fact, we might be one or two less than we were over the last five or six years. Maybe it is just a discussion and making a little tweak.

Mayor Maguire: Yes, especially as we enter into the sports season here we are going to have to be very mindful of how many spots you are using.

Mr. Mania: July and August I believe we are also allowed to park by the tennis courts because there is a summer camp. So this is a very small window but I would be more than happy to cooperate and work this out with whoever I have to work this out with.

Mayor Maguire: I appreciate that, Phil.

Mr. Mania: Of course.

Mayor Maguire: We'll be in touch.

Mr. Mania: Thank you.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you.

David O'Sullivan: Mr. Mayor and Council - I know we corresponded briefly – this may not be the appropriate time but many folks in town – we have been speaking and a lot of folks wanted me to come up and just say a few words. I will try to keep it as brief as possible.

Mayor Maguire: To be clear, this is the time I said would be appropriate.

Mr. O'Sullivan: Oh, this would be – I misinterpreted.

Mayor Maguire: This is the public portion of the meeting.

Mr. O'Sullivan: Great. I wanted to start it by just saying that I know that most municipalities in New Jersey have litigation pending with the State concerning affordable housing. Park Ridge has litigation pending with both New Jersey State and Hornrock Properties. As some people may know, within a few months of registering Sony Property, Hornrock files as a party to the litigation against the town as it pertains to affordable housing. Just a little bit of background that I know probably of you folks up here on the Board already know it, but Hornrock had a sort of a situation in Mountain Lakes where they purchased a 7.7 acre track. It wasn't zoned for residential and they went to the Planning Board and made this something similar to what they are doing here but they are asking for rezoning. The Planning Board determined there that it was not compatible with their master plan and they rejected the rezoning that Hornrock had asked for. They still pursued the idea though of developing that 7.7 acres with 40, I guess town homes I believe it was, and what they ended up doing was putting it to the Mayor and Council. The article I read indicated that they basically threatened the Mayor and Council by saying that if you don't allow us to put the 40 units there that we are going to file a builder's remedy suit and we are going to put 212 units on this 7.7 acre property. I think it just goes to show a little bit of what Hornrock has done in the past and maybe what we might be able to anticipate in the future. It is concerning to me as a resident that's the way they went about it and I felt for the Mayor and Council because I think they were in a position where many people in the town were very upset with them, but they felt that they were doing the right thing because they were allowing 40 units of a town home stature instead of a building on the property which may have had 200 plus dwellings. That being said, as it pertains to the rezoning request made by Hornrock Properties to change the existing office research zoning of that property to residential, they mentioned in their correspondence by their attorney to the Mayor and Council dated December 3, 2015 that this request was due to the non-productive use of the property and I was hoping that maybe the Borough Attorney could sort of elaborate on what Hornrock means when they talk about non-productive use of a property.

Mayor Maguire: Maybe I'll jump in – I don't know if John could answer that one or not. My understanding is and I don't know if I should try to guess at what they were meaning.

John Ten Hoeve: I would tell you the same thing. I don't know what their position is with regard to the non-productive use of the property. I don't know why they think it is non-productive. I can't answer for their Council.

Mayor Maguire: They have said that they are having trouble leasing it up and that is true across this whole area. If you look at Montvale, in particular, there is a lot of available office space.

Mr. O’Sullivan: Understood. As many of us know, Hornrock Properties purchased the Sony for about \$16.8 million which is approximately fifty cents on the dollar compared to the assessed value of about \$32 million. I think at the time of Hornrock’s purchase of the property they indicated in several news articles that they were proud of the purchase that they made of this ‘Class A’ office building. So as far as non-productive use, I know the building itself was referred to by themselves as a ‘Class A’ building, and with respect to leasing the building itself, I spent some time on the internet looking at many real estate sites – LoopNet, Office Space – even on the CB Richard Ellis website which I think is the folks that are marketing the property. The only thing I saw on many of these websites was the fact they were marketing anywhere between 50,000-60,000 square feet so when they claim a non-productive use and they themselves aren’t even going about marketing their property to lease the building as a whole, I feel that their comment is a little disingenuous – again, not knowing exactly what they mean by non-productive use of property.

Mayor Maguire: I have no comment on that.

Mr. O’Sullivan: Understood. With respect to Montvale, I know that you mentioned Montvale – (*inaudible*) continue to emphasize that their OR zone will remain an OR zone. They went as far recently as implementing a new zoning ordinance to reinforce that other uses would not be permitted. I was just curious whether or not this Council would contemplate any ordinance that would be enforced or zoned the way it stands today and how it is defined.

Mayor Maguire: We recently had a meeting with the State and we reviewed the zone and the zone definitions in that area and they felt that we had a very attractive zone the way it was worded and it certainly supported the corporate office market the way it was. It is quite flexible- it will support multi-tenant uses back there. Actually, one of those buildings is a multi-tenant. Right now, and for years, Sony and Hertz were single tenant facilities but that is presently, I believe, even Sony is a multi-tenant use right now.

Mr. O’Sullivan: I think one of the websites indicated that they were 86% full – I don’t know if that is correct or not.

Mayor Maguire: They do have a short term lease I’m told.

Mr. O’Sullivan: Just going through some of the previous meeting minutes and the work sessions, I noted that Hornrock had met with this Council on two occasions – once in June 2015 and then again in July 2015 and I guess according to the meeting minutes, I guess higher level executives for Hornrock Properties attended these meetings along with their architects and engineers – I should say their architects and attorneys. I think the first meeting occurred in June which I don’t even know if they actually owned the property at that point in time, but again, purchasing a property for fifty cents on the dollar and coming to this Mayor and Council may be even prior or right about concurrent when they are purchasing a property indicating a non-productive use, again, I don’t think that Hornrock is interested in keeping it as a commercial building and I think that everything they’ve done to date would indicate that their intentions are by hook or by crook to make this a residential property.

Mayor Maguire: I can’t comment on their intentions. I could comment but I would just be trying to guess at what they are thinking.

Mr. O’Sullivan: What do you think?

Mayor Maguire: Well, it is clear what they think.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: You have to have one person talk at a time.

Mayor Maguire: Let me address Mr. O’Sullivan then. I can only say to you that they did come in initially and they said that they were looking to optimize that asset so that is why you saw the proposal but right now there is no application in front of the Council. In the Planning Board they still have a request for the use change.

Mr. O’Sullivan: I understand and that is my concern is that they might do something similar to what they did at Mountain Lakes where they try to go about it in illegal means which

is rezoning the property – if that fails – then they maybe a builder’s remedy suit or try to intimidate this Council. Again, it is just a concern I have as a citizen.

Mayor Maguire: And if you look across the region it is happening in most towns – Upper Saddle River with Pearson – there is a lot of that going on. Yes, you are absolutely right.

Mr. O’Sullivan: During the meeting with Hornrock Properties I was just curious as to whether or not the issue of affordable housing was brought up during that Public Works session.

Mayor Maguire: No, the issue of affordable housing was not mentioned until the Planning Board session and I believe you were present for that.

Mr. O’Sullivan: I was. During this meeting it was indicated at the meeting that the Borough Attorney had referenced that the assessments that would be done in conjunction with the rezoning the independent and I was just curious as to what was meant when the Borough Attorney referenced that these assessments should be an independent nature.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: All it means is that the Borough wasn’t going to rely on a study that was presented by Hornrock. It was going to require an independent study by some independent expert.

Mr. O’Sullivan: Understood. That is how I sort of construed it as well, but my question I guess is I know that recently I have gotten some of the reports that were prepared and sent to me as part of my OPRA request and I got several documents and one of them specifically from KEA Engineers which was a utility lead analysis. It was addressed to the Hornrock consultant which is the architect, but I’m just curious that report – the Utility Load Report which is utilized by some of Park Ridge consultants – it seems like they were using information generated from the Hornrock consultants and to me that sort of conflicted with the independent analysis that I thought our consultants were to conduct.

Mayor Maguire: I’m sorry, KEA?

Mr. O’Sullivan: I think the name of the firm is KEA – that was the utility load analysis.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: If your question is – is an independent expert going to look at data that is submitted by another expert, of course, they are always going to do that but they are going to reach an independent conclusion. I think you might be talking about a report that the Utility Board had requested. I’m not sure.

Mr. O’Sullivan: I wasn’t sure either.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: Because I don’t have any recollection that the Council had obtained a Utility Report, I think there may have been something by the Utility Board. I see George nodding, so yes.

Mr. O’Sullivan: My concern in general though just looking at some of the reports, I know that our Environment Engineer, Legette, Brashears and Graham also did a report and I believe that they also polled the data such as the number of people that would be occupying the proposed residential rezoning. So again, it is just concerning and I think just something that we ought to keep an eye on that when we are looking at independent analysis, I understand, and that’s my idea was that an independent analysis when we authorize our Planner, when we authorize our Engineers that they would actually look and do some of that foundational work and not rely on Hornrock’s consultant even though they hired independent consultants as well because as an independent consultant working for an entity like Hornrock - most of those folks there is always interpretation of the numbers and I would just hope that if our independent consultants are going to be working on this that they rely on their own data to come up with those analyses especially as it pertains to traffic, water and things of that nature.

Mayor Maguire: That is the way that all of our Boards operate actually. We hire independent professionals to counter essentially an applicant’s experts.

Mr. O'Sullivan: Also in Hornrock's correspondence to the Mayor and Council dated December 3, 2015, they referenced that their request for a rezone to residential would comport with Park Ridge's Compliance Plan. I wanted to know what Compliance Plan they were referring to.

Mayor Maguire: Again, I am trying to guess at what they are saying here but I believe what they are talking about is our affordable housing plan. We were required under the Mount Laurel lawsuit to submit an affordable housing plan to the State and we went through Round 1, Round 2 and Round 3. I'm assuming that is what they meant by Compliance Plan.

Mr. O'Sullivan: When was this Compliance Plan prepared? I was trying to find it. I couldn't find it on our website.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: I don't know what they're talking about in regard to that either because if they are talking about the land use element of a master plan or something that would have been submitted to the Council on affordable housing, the last one that Park Ridge submitted was a long time ago and was never approved by COAH nor adopted by the municipality. Eventually, the Borough will have to submit something with regard to the affordable housing litigation but that hasn't been done yet. My guess is they must – I'm not going to even guess on what they were arguing.

Mr. O'Sullivan: I got you and I think I found a report that was done by E-Consult Solutions and I think it is the report you were referring to that the State had hired a consultant to try to come up with the calculations as to what they thought everybody's fair share obligations would be and I believe in accordance with the courts we are going to have to respond to that. I think there was a time limit with that response as well.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: I don't want to comment on the litigation. I can only say that report hasn't been presented to the court – is no part of our litigation at this point – is not complete and is somewhat speculative.

Mayor Maguire: So what happened is after the Governor abolished the Council on affordable housing it fell to the courts. So right now it is in front of individual judges across the State and in order to obtain protections the towns had to file what they call a "Declaratory Judgment." We have our Planner essentially doing what that report says to help us in the declaratory judgment.

Mr. O'Sullivan: Is there a timeframe associated with that as to when we need to respond to the courts?

Mr. Ten Hoeve: That is not clear right now. There is certainly nothing scheduled at this moment.

Mr. O'Sullivan: That plan that you referred to – that response – the declaratory response – are we going to have to submit some sort of affordable housing compliance plan? Is that what they are going to call it?

Mr. Ten Hoeve: I'm not sure whether that is what it will ultimately be called, but yes, Park Ridge is going to have to present something to that court that will attempt to satisfy that court that Park Ridge is meeting its constitutional objectives in supplying affordable housing.

Mr. O'Sullivan: With respect to that, has the Planner that we hired reviewed this report that was done by E-Consult?

Mr. Ten Hoeve: I don't want to guess.

Mr. O'Sullivan: Well, I guess they would look at it, right, because ultimately it is going to become an important document in the case.

Mayor Maguire: Just so folks know, you are creating a record here. A lot of this is subject to litigation. If anyone is filming that is probably not appropriate but this is all going to be

subject to litigation, possible litigation, and that is why the record that you are creating here is very important.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: And the public meetings are all taped and transcripts are prepared of all the meetings. Are you filming this?

Resident: I am filming this. I am under the impression from my legal counsel that this is a public meeting and so I can film. Am I incorrect in that?

Mr. Ten Hoeve: I think Park Ridge has always had a policy that didn't provide for that –but that is my only comment at this point.

Mr. O'Sullivan: I guess just to try to wrap up this line of questioning really – so we don't have a Compliance Plan, per se, as it pertains to affordable housing that is going to respond to the State at this point – and with that if there is a Compliance Plan does it show anything with the Hornrock properties specifically would the intentions of potentially rezoning that to accommodate our affordable housing obligations that may be out there?

Mr. Ten Hoeve: It would improper to comment on something that is in litigation right now.

Mayor Maguire: Just to give you the status, in general, there is a special master that has been assigned and that special master is analyzing all of the information that is provided by the town and that will go into the judge's decision.

Mr. O'Sullivan: I guess just based on our 2009 reexamination plan – I know we are close for a downtown development and I think that is a great idea as I said previously at a meeting. I think that's where ultimately we should be looking to develop our downtown from both an economic and affordable housing perspective. I would just like to say I would strongly encourage Hornrock that if they are so concerned about our affordable housing obligations that maybe they look at some of our downtown properties and try to convert some of those properties into mixed use developments where I believe it is more appropriate. I saw on the front cover of the paper recently they had a nice design in Emerson. I think that is where they ought to focus their talents if you would and not looking to change our OR zone from where it has historically been for the last thirty or so years.

With that being said, I have had conversation with Joe Young who is the Senior Vice President of Development over at Sussex Columbia. He is actually the owner of the Marriott in town. He is very concerned about the rezoning and the implication this might have for his business especially if an overlay district gets implemented as Price, Meese, who are Hornrock's attorneys, had utilized that terminology in their cover letter. They would like to see an overlay district if residential. I think that we ought to be real careful about how we impact some of our other businesses by making a decision or contemplating a decision or we change the zoning of a property from OR to residential. So again, I did talk to Joe. He was going to get his General Manager here in support this evening. Unfortunately, he was here a little bit earlier. They said he wasn't on the agenda so he left the gentleman. With that just being said, I just think that we have to be real careful. I think all of us like our small town feel. I think the type of development – I think you expressed the same sentiments that the density that they were looking for was above and beyond. I just think that the property that they are looking on borders Montvale and Woodcliff Lake so we would actually be impacting many of our neighbors in those two Boroughs. I think that everybody in all of the surrounding Boroughs sort of really appreciate our small town feel and I understand your position as well as the town Council. I mean you guys are faced with the position of tax appeals, affordable housing obligations, and all of that being said, and trying not to raise our taxes. None of us want our taxes raised although we've come to expect every year that there may be some sort of a slight increase. But I think that would pale in comparison to allowing Hornrock to change this Sony property from OR to residential. I think it would have a drastic impact – not only on our surrounding boroughs but more importantly on Park Ridge and take away from that small town feel.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you, Mr. Sullivan, well said. I will add at this point folks that Park Ridge has gone above and beyond in terms of meeting their affordable housing requirements so we are not afraid of a builder's remedy lawsuit and we will continue to work to meet our affordable housing obligation.

Kerri Cooper – 41 Circle Drive - There are a lot of rumors going around so I wanted to come here tonight that way maybe the Mayor and Council could explain. What is going on with the Hertz property?

Mayor Maguire: I don't believe Hertz has closed. There is a contract purchaser who is working with CBRE and the last I heard he was looking to keep that as a corporate office and lease it up- invest money in it and lease it up.

Ms. Cooper: How is Hertz able to keep it as a corporate office and Sony isn't?

Mr. Ten Hoeve: No, Hertz has sold the property. Hertz is no longer there. It was being used as a corporate headquarters for Hertz. The purchaser has purchased it for purposes of using it as a multi-tenanted office building.

Ms. Cooper: So they want to use it as an office building?

Mr. Ten Hoeve: Yes.

Ms. Cooper: Right. So my question then is if the building next to it is the Sony building – Hornrock is saying it can't be used basically as a corporate office. My concern is this.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: I can't answer what somebody else is trying to do.

Ms. Cooper: Hornrock also said when they bought the property that it was great for a commercial space. So my concern is that the purchaser of the Hertz building is also saying they want to use it for commercial space – is then in two months going to turn to us and say I can't use that for commercial space and if we let Sony go residential then what is to stop the next building from going residential.

Mayor Maguire: I think I understand your question but I can't answer for them. It is kind of like asking you what do you want to do with your house.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: Just one other comment. I'm not sure that Sony had ever said or that Hornrock had ever said when they purchased that building that were intending to use it for commercial use.

Ms. Cooper: They are quoted.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: Well, they may have said that they were happy to buy this Grade A #1 building but I don't know whether there was ever anything that I ever saw that said they intended to use it for commercial.

Ms. Cooper: O.k. Thank you.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you.

Pat Hunt – 2 Mader Place - I have a question on the tax impact of Sony and Hertz. Where do we stand today and where do we stand in the future?

Mayor Maguire: Great question. One we settled - but I guess it is public what they sold for but those buildings were essentially pretty similar. They are both about 220,000 square feet. Sony sits on a lot more acreage than Hertz but they are both assessed in the \$30 million range and both sold for half that price so that is a significant hit. Hertz – we settled the tax appeal and Sony still has an outstanding tax appeal so we can't really comment on that one.

Mr. Hunt: So looking at Sony, they are going to pay half the taxes they were paying purchased an assessment.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: If they were able to succeed in arguing that at a tax appeal but the purchase price isn't entirely dispositive of the value.

Mr. Hunt: O.k., I understand.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: And they have three years of appeals pending.

Mr. Hunt: That's great. You mentioned about the affordable housing that in your opinion are we at where we should be?

Mayor Maguire: So that's what you heard described before the one report – depends on who you talk to and it has been something that has been the subject of litigation for as long as I've been involved for the past ten years. You have all been hearing the term “Council on affordable housing” and I think the Governor expressed most of our frustration when he blew up and disbanded the Council but I don't know if that really solved anything so that is the ultimate question - have you met your obligation? Right now that is in a judge's hands and that is what we talked about - this outstanding litigation on that.

Mr. Hunt: And the tax appeal on Sony is going on three years now?

Mr. Ten Hoeve: Correct.

Mayor Maguire: Yes.

Mr. Hunt: Is there any end in sight there?

Mr. Ten Hoeve: I can't predict that. The delays that take place are the result of the number of tax appeals that have been filed throughout the county and the backlog is such that it is not uncommon to have that much of a delay.

Mr. Hunt: O.k., thank you.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you.

Lisa Muller – 244 Ellin Drive – As far as the Sony property – there are some wetlands over there – have they been delineated by the EPA and is there a difference between what they think is on the site and what we think is on the site?

Mayor Maguire: No, those are clearly DEP delineated wetlands.

Ms. Muller: O.k., clearly there is no way that Hornrock can come in and say that they are smaller or relocate them?

Mayor Maguire: No.

Ms. Muller: O.k., second question – as far as the site being a nature – it is not really a nature preserve – is there a way that we can delineate a section of it as a nature preserve given that our town plan has allocated some of that as an area of interest for certain species?

Mayor Maguire: I don't think so. I believe it is private property so you would be taking – unless the Borough wanted to come in and take the property which we would have to negotiate and buy it.

Councilman Misciagna: But as wetlands- it can't be built on – so that wetlands section that everybody sees with the trees – that can't be developed.

Ms. Muller: Do we know what category it is – and that will affect how close we can get to it? Do you know that at this point?

Mayor Maguire: I don't know if wetlands - they are C1 waterways – the brook is part of a C1 Waterway but I don't know if wetlands have a specific category.

Mr. Ten Hoeve: I don't know the answer to that question but I am not going to guess again, but as the Mayor said, anybody who wanted to develop that property in any way wouldn't be able to intrude on the wetlands.

Ms. Muller: O.K., thank you.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you.

Mr. Sullivan: Can I just make one more comment?

Mayor Maguire: I don't know Mr. Sullivan – you've used your time limit.

Mr. Sullivan: At least I got this off the website – I believe that our Corporate Office Park generates approximately 5.5% of the tax revenue – at least that was in 2011. When we look at it, and I know that no one wants to lose tax dollars – tax revenue by the town, but they really are. The Corporate Park is really a small portion of our town so again to allow such a small portion of the town makes such a huge impact. So no one wants to pay more taxes – but I think we do pay about 94.5% - with everybody else in the Borough – at least that is of 2011.

Mayor Maguire: I think your math is pretty close.

Dan Donnelly – 284 Spring Valley Road – I am very concerned about the Hornrock – don't get me wrong – I have one other concern for the people on Spring Valley Road between Alberon and Grand Avenue. Have we been part in any way in part of the planning - is Park Ridge widening Spring Valley Road?

Mayor Maguire: I've met with the County several months ago and expressed our interest in that. The Mayor of Montvale recently notified me that they have plans for that road but they haven't been finalized yet so I do plan to call. Based upon what he told me, they are keeping it essentially the same.

Mr. Donnelly: That was a concern – I know it is a county road but some of the property I believe does belong to Park Ridge - all properties alongside the roadway.

Mayor Maguire: Sure on the right-hand side as you are going north.

Mr. Donnelly: Yes. (*Inaudible*) – But right now you are aware - I can't find anything on it other than the original traffic survey.

Mayor Maguire: I asked if it was finalized and they said no. It is all associated with Wegman's, right?

Mr. Donnelly: Yes.

Mayor Maguire: He said they have not yet finalized it yet.

Mr. Donnelly: Would we get any information on that or would it be just the County?

Mayor Maguire: That is my plan is to go to the county – I'm not counting on a courtesy review by Montvale.

Mr. Donnelly: I understand. Thank you.

Mayor Maguire: Thank you.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

None

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 005**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2016

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2016-005, An Ordinance Establishing the Classification and Compensation for Certain Officials, Appointees and Employees of the Borough of Park Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey for the Year 2016.

A motion was made by Council President Bosi and seconded by Councilmember Misciagna to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Bertini, Oppelt, Misciagna, Capilli, Council President Bosi

ABSENT: Councilmember Szot

Mayor Maguire asks the Clerk to read the Ordinance by title:

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 005**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2016

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the compensation paid certain officials, appointees and employees of the Borough of Park Ridge shall be as follows:

SECTION 1. That the minimum and maximum range of salary, wage or compensation to be paid to certain officials, appointees and employees or servants of the Borough of Park Ridge, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2016 is hereby fixed as follows:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>BASIS</u>
Mayor	-	\$7,200	Per Annum
Councilmember	-	6,000	“ “
Administrator Part-Time	-	50,000	“ “
Borough Clerk	50,000	80,000	“ “
Director of Operations	120,000	160,000	“ “
General Supervisor, Elect. Dist.	100,000	130,000	“ “
General Supervisor, Water & Sewer Maint.	100,000	120,000	“ “
General Supervisor, Roads, Parks Recycling, Bldgs & Grounds, Vehicle Maintenance	100,000	120,000	“ “
Recycling Coordinator Stipend		1,000	
Project Engineer	50,000	70,000	
Deputy Borough Clerk	40,000	60,000	“ “
Tax Collector	60,000	75,000	“ “
CFO/Treasurer	100,000	130,000	“ “
Assistant Municipal Treasurer	35,000	50,000	“ “
Assistant Utilities Treasurer	35,000	50,000	“ “
Payroll Clerk/Finance Clerk	45,000	55,000	“ “
TriBoro Consultant		50.00	Per Hour
Tax Assessor, P.T.	15,000	15,000	Per Annum
Zoning Officer, P.T.	10,000	40,000	“ “
Construction Code Official	45,000	70,000	“ “
Plumbing Sub-Code Official	5,000	12,500	“ “
Electrical Sub-Code Official, P.T.	5,000	12,500	“ “
Fire Sub-Code Official, P.T.	5,000	12,500	“ “

Assist. To Land Use Office	5,000	7,500	“	“
Fire Official, P.T.	4,500	10,000	“	“
Fire Code Inspectors, P.T.	2,500	6,500	“	“
Public Assistance Director, P.T.	3,500	10,500	“	“
Secretary, Board of Public Works, P.T.	10,000	15,500	“	“
Pistol Range Facility Coordinator	3,000	4,000	“	“
Police Secretary	30,000	45,000	“	“
Housing Inspector		11,000	“	“
Senior Citizen Van Driver		20.50		Per Hour
Crossing Guards	15.50	23.25		Per Hour

SECTION 2. In addition to the salaries set forth above, department heads and other eligible employees shall be paid longevity pay on the following basis: (a) 49th month through 60th month of service: \$500 for that year of service; (b) 61st through 120th month of service: \$300 per year for each year of service; (c) 121st month and over: \$200 per year for each year of service. Payments shall be part of the semi-monthly pay.

SECTION 3. All salaries shall be retroactive to January 1, 2016.

SECTION 4. In addition to the salaries set forth herein employees in the following positions shall be paid an additional sum of \$1,500, said amount to be designated, “Exempt Stipend,” in recognition of the additional hours and duties required of their positions. The eligible positions are: Deputy Borough Clerk, Ass’t Treasurer, General Supervisors of Electric Distribution, Roads/Parks/Bldgs & Grounds/Vehicle Maint., Water Distribution and Sewer Maintenance, Project Engineer and Zoning Officer.

SECTION 5. In addition to the salary set forth herein, the Administrator – Borough Clerk, Treasurer and Director of Operations positions shall be paid an additional sum of \$2,500, said amount to be designated as “Administrative Exempt Stipend” in recognition of the additional hours and duties required of their positions.

SECTION 6. In addition to the salary set forth herein, the Fire Official, P.T., shall each be paid an additional stipend of \$750 in recognition of additional hours required as the administrative duties associated with residential smoke detector certifications.

SECTION 7. In addition to the salaries set forth herein, the Fire Official, P.T., and the Zoning Officer, P.T., shall be paid an additional stipend of \$750 each in recognition of additional hours associated with the Mayor’s Housing Task Force.

SECTION 8. In addition to salary set forth herein, the Fire Officials, P.T., shall each be paid an additional \$17.00 per hour for court appearances in recognition of the hours spent in Court associated with summons issued for violations.

SECTION 9. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are expressly repealed.

SECTION 10. This ordinance shall become effective after final passage and publication as required by law.

Mayor Maguire asks the Borough Clerk to give a brief description of this ordinance.

Ms. O’Donnell: Yes, Mayor. What this ordinance does is it sets the salary range for those exempt employees that are not covered under any of the collective bargaining agreements within the Borough.

Mayor Maguire asks if anyone wishes to be heard concerning the adoption of this ordinance.

There was no one.

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on this ordinance and that it be adopted with notice of final passage to be published in The Ridgewood News.

A motion was made by Council President Bosi and seconded by Councilmember Misciagna to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Bertini, Oppelt, Misciagna, Capilli, Council President Bosi

ABSENT: Councilmember Szot

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Maguire asks if any Councilmember would like to have any resolution removed from the consent agenda and placed under New Business.

There was no one.

Mayor Maguire asks if any Councilmember would like to abstain from voting on any resolution on the consent agenda.

There was no one.

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda (with the abstentions so noted).

A motion was made by Council President Bosi and seconded by Councilmember Capilli to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Bertini, Oppelt, Misciagna, Capilli, Council President Bosi

ABSENT: Councilmember Szot

RESOLUTIONS:

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 016 – 077**

**APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER
Joseph C. Kolodziej**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey requires that each municipality appoint a Certified Municipal Finance Officer; and

WHEREAS, upon the resignation of Colleen Ennis the governing body appointed Joseph C. Kolodziej as Acting Chief Financial Officer effective June 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Joseph C. Kolodziej has successfully fulfilled the requirements of Certified Municipal Finance Officer as of December 1, 2015, Certified Municipal Finance Officer License #N-1613; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge desire to appoint Joseph C. Kolodziej to the position of Certified Municipal Finance Officer as per N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.2 et seq. for a full four year term, said term commencing on January 1, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that Joseph C. Kolodziej is hereby appointed to the position of Certified Municipal Finance Officer for the Borough of Park Ridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to Joseph C. Kolodziej within ten (10) days from the date of its adoption.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 016 – 078**

ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FEES FOR 2016

WHEREAS, Ordinance No 2009-07 requires the Mayor & Council to adopt a Resolution on an annual basis establishing the fees for both Resident and Non Resident Teams which have received the required permit to use any Borough fields for that calendar year and to establish the hours of operation and participation fees for the Summer Day Camp Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby approve the following fee schedule for the year 2016.

Day Camp - Day camp program shall start on Monday, June 27th and shall continue for five consecutive weeks, ending Friday, July 29th: Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM:

Park Ridge Residents (on or before 5/13/2016)	\$185 per camper. Families with 3 or more campers; \$185 for the 1 st child, \$160 for each additional sibling
Park Ridge Residents (after 5/13/2016)	\$205 per camper
Non Residents	\$260 per camper
Late Pickup After 12:10 PM per 10 minute increment	\$10

Fields: Davies Field (Memorial), Sulak Fields (2), Colony Fields (2), Atkins Glen Field. Field fees to be paid by each league. All using fields must adhere to all Borough codes and ordinances.

Adult club teams	\$500 per team per season not to exceed 3 months or 25 dates for resident teams. **Night games add'l \$25.00/game
	\$750 per team per season not to exceed 3 months or 25 dates for non-residents teams. **Night games add'l \$25.00/game
	Any additional time or dates will constitute an additional season
League Fees (minimum of 10 teams)	\$500 per team per season
Adult club teams per diem charge	\$50 for resident team. **\$75.00 for Night Game \$75 for non-resident team. **\$100.00 for Night Game
Tournament Fee	\$500 per day
Children (under 18) club teams	\$300.00 per resident team per season not to exceed 3 months or 25 dates. \$450 per non-resident team per season not to exceed 3 months or 25 dates. Any additional time or dates will constitute an additional season.
Children club teams per diem charge	\$ \$50.00 for resident team. \$ \$50.00 for non-resident team.
Exception to Field Use Fee	Fees are waived for children club teams which are 100% Park Ridge residents using Fields, except Davies Field (Memorial Field) Fees are waived for exempt non-profit veterans' organizations located within the Borough of Park Ridge

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 016 – 079**

Resolution Regarding S781 and S782 to Amend Open Public records Act (OPRA) and Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA)

WHEREAS, Senate Bills S781 and S782 are attempting to further revise our current OPRA and OPMA laws in the name of transparency; and

WHEREAS, it is the position of the Borough of Park Ridge that existing OPRA and OPMA laws already make municipalities transparent; and

WHEREAS, there comes a time when staffing and budget requirements are exhausted just to accommodate a select few people who bombard our municipalities with public records requests; and

WHEREAS, our websites are always updated and contain all the information required by law; our meeting minutes are online and available by the next meeting or as soon as reasonably possible; our agendas and budgets are online for the public; and

WHEREAS, under the existing laws OPRA fees are unreasonable for the amount of time and effort that must go into searching for “older” documents; it takes valuable time away from our staff – not only in the Clerk’s office – but also in many other departments that may be involved in the same request; and

WHEREAS, the OPRA law also allows outside businesses seeking construction permits an plans or animal rights groups to utilize municipal services for their private commercial gain; and

WHEREAS, under the OPMA laws for Open Public meetings; proposed changes will add secretarial expenses and additional reports to the cost of running subcommittee meetings; and

WHEREAS, subcommittee meetings are open to the public and rarely do people wish to come; and

WHEREAS, subcommittees are mostly volunteers along with representatives from the local governing body; to produce minutes in a formal fashion whether quarterly or semiannually would be another unfunded mandate; and

WHEREAS, subcommittees keep notes and any formal actions or expenditures come back to the main governing body for approval anyway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Park Ridge respectfully requests the New Jersey Senate and Assembly take no further action on Senate Bills S781 and S782.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 016 – 080**

**APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT APPLICANT – PALLER**

WHEREAS, Fire Chief William I. Diedtrich Jr. has approved an application prepared by Conner E. Paller, 66 Second Street, for the Park Ridge Volunteer Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge hereby approve the membership of Conner E. Paller in the Park Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 016 – 081**

AUTHORIZE TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND

WHEREAS, as a result of a duplicate payment in accordance to R.S. 54:4-21; there has resulted in the overpayment of taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to return the following first quarter 2016 tax overpayment:

B 715/L 2	A Absolute Escrow Settlement Co. 55 Essex St. Milburn, NJ 07041 ATTN: Noah	\$3034.00
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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 016 – 082**

RELEASE OF ESCROW DEAN & CYNTHIA ALBANIS

WHEREAS, DEAN & CYNTHIA ALBANIS, 176 Colony Avenue, known as Block 604, Lot 44 on the tax map of the Borough of Park Ridge, has posted a Planning and Zoning Review Bond in the amount of \$3,500.00 in 2011; and

WHEREAS, DEAN & CYNTHIA ALBANIS, DBA DCAJ PEPPERCORNS, 176 Colony Avenue, known as Block 604, Lot 44 on the tax map of the Borough of Park Ridge, has also posted a Planning and Zoning Review Bond in the amount of \$500 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Review Bonds have earned interest in Escrow Sub Account 7761456602 and Escrow Sub Account 7763040092; and

WHEREAS, there has been no further draw down on the initial deposit from these Planning and Zoning Review Bonds; and

WHEREAS, there remains in escrow account 7761456602 a balance of \$101.25 and in escrow account 7763040092 a balance of \$32.24 which the applicant has requested be returned; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Administrator Julie Falkenstern has determined there are no outstanding claims against this escrow balance and there remains no reason to have an escrow account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to release the remaining escrows totaling \$133.49 as well as any accrued interest to DEAN & CYNTHIA ALBANIS, 176 Colony Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ 07656.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 016 – 083**

**RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND LETTER OF CREDIT
63 COLONY AVE LLC**

WHEREAS, MICHAEL DIBELLA, DBA 63 COLONY AVE LLC, 144 Kinderkamack Road, known as Block 1101, Lot 1 on the tax map of the Borough of Park Ridge, has posted a Performance Bond in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Performance Bond was posted as a Letter of Credit issued by Lakeland Bank in the amount of \$43,308.00; and

WHEREAS, all work has been completed, approvals have been issued to close all permits and 63 COLONY AVE LLC has received a Certificate of Occupancy; and

WHEREAS, Borough Engineer Eve Mancuso has reviewed the Developer’s Agreement and the development project; and

WHEREAS, all conditions set forth in the Developer’s Agreement dated December 19, 2012 have been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, Land Use Administrator Julie Falkenstern has determined there are no other outstanding claims against this development project and there is no longer the need for this performance bond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to release the Letter of Credit issued by Lakeland Bank as the Performance Bond for this 63 COLONY AVE LLC development project.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 016-084**

RELEASE OF ESCROW 63 COLONY AVE LLC

WHEREAS, MICHAEL DIBELLA, DBA 63 COLONY AVE LLC, 144 Kinderkamack Road, known as Block 1101, Lot 1 on the tax map of the Borough of Park Ridge, has posted various Planning & Zoning, Engineering, and Performance Escrows; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Escrow initial deposit in 2014 has earned interest in Escrow Sub Account No. 7763039871; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Escrow initial deposit in 2014 has earned interest in Escrow Sub Account No. 77763039889; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Escrow initial deposit in 2011 under MICHAEL DIBELLA, principal of 63 COLONY AVE LLC, has earned interest in Escrow Sub Account No. 7761456743; and

WHEREAS, the Performance Cash Bond Escrow initial deposit in 2014 has earned interest in Escrow Sub Account No. 7763039897; and

WHEREAS, all work has been completed, approvals have been issued to close all permits and 63 COLONY AVE LLC has received a Certificate of Occupancy; and

WHEREAS, the accumulated total in these four escrow accounts is \$6,299.74 which the applicant has requested be returned; and

WHEREAS, Land Use Administrator Julie Falkenstern has determined there are no other outstanding claims against these escrow balances and there remains no reason to maintain these escrow accounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to release the remaining cumulative escrow of \$6,299.74 as well as any accrued interest to MICHAEL DIBELLA.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 016 – 085**

**AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION
MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER**

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on December 8, 2015, a lien was sold on Block 1203 Lot 12, also known as 96 Pascack Road in Park Ridge, for 2014 delinquent taxes and utilities ; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #15-00955 was sold to US Bankcust For PC6, LLC at 0% interest and a premium of \$0.00; and,

WHEREAS, East West Bank, has affected redemption of Certificate #15-00955, on March 22, 2016, in the amount of \$5,860.30,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey, that the Director of Finance/CFO is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$5,860.30, payable to US Bankcust For PC6, LLC, Tax Lien Services Group, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #15-00955.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 016 – 086**

PAYMENT OF BILLS - BOROUGH

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following bills in the sum of \$2,272,392.32 have been approved and that the Mayor, Clerk and Chief Financial Officer are, hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

FUND	PAYMENT OF BILLS	AMOUNT
	March 22, 2016	
CURRENT FUND	SEE ATTACHED 4 PAGE DETAIL	\$2,246,380.48
CAPITAL FUND	SEE ATTACHED 1 PAGE DETAIL	\$9,330.00
SWIM UTILITY	NO ATTACHMENT	\$0.00
ANIMAL CONTROL	SEE ATTACHED 1 PAGE DETAIL	\$102.00
ESCROW	SEE ATTACHED 1 PAGE DETAIL	\$18,093.02
COAH	SEE ATTACHED 1 PAGE DETAIL	\$1,237.50
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	NO ATTACHMENT	\$0.00
AGENCY	NO ATTACHMENT	\$0.00
PAYROLL FUND	NO ATTACHMENT	\$0.00
GOLDEN AGE CLUB	NO ATTACHMENT	\$0.00
UNEMPLOYMENT	NO ATTACHMENT	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$2,275,143.00

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		16-00375 DOG LICENSE BOOKS & MAYOR ENV	346.00		
143491	03/22/16	ALLHA020 ALL HANDS WEB SERVICES			4615
		16-00381 WEB HOSTING - FIRE DEPT	235.00		
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		16-00457 APRIL PREMIUM - LIU	2,750.68		
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		16-00172 CLEANING SUPPLIES & TOWELS	442.40		
143494	03/22/16	AMERI230 AMERICAN WEAR, INC.			4615
		16-00359 UNIFORM CLEANING - FEB	592.40		
143495	03/22/16	APPRO050 APPROVED SURGICAL SUPPLIES INC			4615
		16-00353 JAN & FEB INVOICES - PD	90.00		
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		16-00379 PLANNING SVCS BER-L-6030-15	250.00		
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		16-00339 DATS SIGN - DONNA SZOT	26.00		
		16-00382 BLK PIANO PLAQUE	<u>115.00</u>		
			141.00		
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		16-00369 FUEL - FEB 2016	3,096.31		
143499	03/22/16	BOROU070 BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE			4615
		16-00348 TRIBORO DISPATCH COORD 1/3	772.33		
143500	03/22/16	BRAEN010 BRAEN STONE INDUSTRIES, INC.			4615
		16-00291 FILLIN TICKET 451700	475.00		
		16-00345 FILLIN TIK# 452698	<u>475.00</u>		
			950.00		
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		16-00428 GENERAL ENGINEERING FEB 2016	<u>810.00</u>		
			1,010.00		
143502	03/22/16	CREAT045 CREATIVE SERVICES NJ, LLC			4615
		16-00300 CB 2X8X16 PANCAKE	15.00		
143503	03/22/16	DAVID050 DAVID WEBER OIL CO.			4615
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143506 15-01672 16-00175	03/22/16	FASTE010 FASTENAL COMPANY SUPPLIES FOR SHOPS - ROAD & VR VARIOUS NUTS & BOLTS	284.76 <u>171.82</u> 456.58		4615
143507 16-00340	03/22/16	GOODY010 GOODYEAR GEMINI AUTO SERVICE C TIRE FOR POLICE RESERVES CAR	124.10		4615
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143511 16-00372 16-00411	03/22/16	JOHNM010 JOHN M. HARTEL CO., INC. SWING CHECK VALVE SINGLE HNDL LEVER &TEFLON TAPE	17.25 <u>217.84</u> 235.09		4615
143512 16-00296	03/22/16	KRELL010 KRELL LIGHTING 18W DEL TWIN TUBE BULBS	33.60		4615
143513 16-00361	03/22/16	NETW0010 NETWORK BILLING SYSTEMS, LLC MONTHLY BILLING - MAR	625.61		4615
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143515 16-00288	03/22/16	NEWJE075 NEW JERSEY HEATING & COOLING MAINT AGREEMENT PISTOL RANGE	632.00		4615
143516 16-00383	03/22/16	NORTH070 NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP LEGAL ADS - FEB ADMIN	344.31		4615
143517 16-00385	03/22/16	PAAUT010 P&A AUTO PARTS, INC. FEBRUARY INVOICES - FIRE	32.78		4615
143518 16-00276 16-00343	03/22/16	PALISO20 PALISADES SALES CORPORATION, I ADOBE ACROBAT PRO - FRANCESCA SYMANTEC ENDPOINT LIC 1 YEAR	176.00 <u>667.00</u> 843.00		4615

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	16-00021	2016 SCHOOL TAX PAYABLE	2,206,279.00		
143521	03/22/16	PARKR180 PARK RIDGE VOL. FIREMEN'S ASSN			4615
	16-00407	DONATION FOR B SCHNOOR	50.00		
	16-00433	DONATION - FRANK MORGEN	50.00		
			100.00		
143522	03/22/16	POWER015 GERALD POWERS			4615
	16-00371	ROOM BALLY'S FOR SEMINAR	104.80		
143523	03/22/16	POWER050 POWERTECH MOTION CONTROL			4615
	16-00278	HYDRAULIC HOSE ASSY	119.59		
143524	03/22/16	REGIS025 REGISTRAR'S ASSN OF NJ			4615
	16-00363	SPRING MTG REGISTRATION	100.00		
143525	03/22/16	REINE010 REINER GROUP, INC.			4615
	16-00342	REPAIR HEAT AT PISTOL RANGE	337.50		
143526	03/22/16	RICH010 RICH'S AUTOMOTIVE			4615
	16-00352	REPAIRS TO 2008 EXPLORER	3,527.20		
143527	03/22/16	RUTGE040 RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIV OF NJ			4615
	16-00257	BASICS OF GREEN PURCHASING JK	118.00		
143528	03/22/16	SCHUL010 SCHULTZ FORD LINCOLN MERCURY,			4615
	16-00289	SHAFT ASSEMBLIES - VR	227.55		
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	15-01881	HANDHELD DEVICE & KEYS	1,238.75		
143530	03/22/16	SOCIE010 SOCIETY OF PROFESS ASSESSORS			4615
	16-00273	ANNUAL SEMINAR - 4/7/16	90.00		
143531	03/22/16	SPEC0020 SPECTROTEL INC.			4615
	16-00421	MONTHLY BILL = MAR	1,153.14		
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	16-00040	COFFEE, VELCRO, FRAMES FPRV	139.92		
	16-00094	SUPPLIES FOR POLICE	173.02		
	16-00103	OFFICE SUPPLIES - FINANCE	39.19		
	16-00118	OSGOOD OFFICE CHAIR - JOE K	112.75		
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143536 16-00346	03/22/16	TRAFF020 TRAFFIC SAFETY & EQUIPMENT CO. PERMA PATCH	470.00		4615
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143540 16-00005	03/22/16	WBMAS010 W.B. MASON CO., INC. AVERY 4150 LABELS	24.18		4615
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15-00362	2014	TAX MAP UPDATE	3,120.00		
15-01792		GLEN ROAD CULVERT	2,280.00		
16-00427		SULAK REC FACIL - OUT OF SCOPE	2,250.00		
16-00428		GENERAL ENGINEERING FEB 2016	180.00		
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		16-00394 WOODLAND FAR BB 1617	450.00		
		16-00395 DOWNTOWN REDEVEL BB 1614	375.00		
		16-00396 SONY REZONING BB 1615	450.00		
			1,275.00		
2594	03/22/16	BROOK011 BROOKER ENGINEERING, P.L.L.C.		03/22/16 VOID	0
2595	03/22/16	BROOK011 BROOKER ENGINEERING, P.L.L.C.			4618
		16-00349 SFDR B711 L9 BR 118169	180.00		
		16-00350 SFDR B2401 L3 BR 118175	90.00		
		16-00393 PLOT PLAN B708 L2 BR 118178	180.00		
		16-00397 SONY REZONING BR 118174	360.00		
		16-00398 PLOT PLAN B1905 L2 BR 118177	180.00		
		16-00399 SUB B1006 L6 BR 118170	45.00		
		16-00400 SUB B1006 L6 BR 118171	450.00		
		16-00401 REZONING B1801 1802 BR 118173	360.00		
			1,845.00		
2596	03/22/16	CERTI020 CERTIFIED LABORATORIES			4618
		16-00174 DIESEL MATE	743.25		
2597	03/22/16	CREAT040 CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING, INC			4618
		16-00218 DARE GRAD SUPPLIES	284.49		
2598	03/22/16	RACH0010 RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL CO. INC			4618
		16-00388 FUEL DELIVERIES	8,790.30		
2599	03/22/16	STAPL010 STAPLES			4618
		16-00440 HP M604N PRINTER & 3 YR MAINT	654.98		
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		16-00403 COAH SUMMARY - FEB BB 1613			
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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 016 – 087**

**AUTHORIZE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT
JOHN REYNOLDS TO BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER**

WHEREAS, the impending retirement of Charles Deitrich will leave a vacancy in the Buildings and Grounds Department; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations has been given the authorization to evaluate potential candidates to hire an employee as a Building Maintenance Worker #00929 to fill the open position; and

WHEREAS, the job opening was posted for as required in the Agreement with the Borough and the operations employees’ collective bargaining agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works personnel committee and the Director of Operations have interviewed and evaluated the one employee who has applied for said position; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations has recommended that the applicant, John Reynolds be transferred from the Electric and Water Department to the said position in the Buildings and Grounds Department; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works personnel committee concurs with the Director of Operations recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has discussed this promotion and has recommended to the Mayor and Council that John Reynolds be appointed to the position of Building Maintenance Worker; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that John Reynolds of 80 Fairview Ave, Park Ridge, NJ be transferred laterally from the position of Meter Reader to the position of Building Maintenance Worker effective on May 2, 2016, or such later date as John Reynolds’ replacement as Meter Reader has been identified and is in place, and is subject to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission’s testing procedures and the mandatory ninety (90) day working test period following certification at the annual salary of \$74,322 which conforms to the requirement in Schedule A of the Agreement with the United Public Service Employees Union.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator be and is hereby authorized to submit the necessary paperwork to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 016 – 088**

**AUTHORIZE PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT
KEVIN ALTOMARE WATER REPAIRER 1/SEWER REPAIRER 1**

WHEREAS, due to the impending retirement of James Babcock, there will be an opening at the position of “Water Repair 1/Sewer Repairer 1(Inspector)”, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations has been given the authorization to post for the job opening as required in the agreements between the Borough and the operations employees’ collective bargaining units; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works personnel committee and the Director of Operations have evaluated the one employee who has applied for said position; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Operations has recommended that the applicant, Kevin Altomare be transferred from the position of Water Repairer to the position of Water Repairer 1/Sewer Repairer 1(Inspector); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works concurs with the Director of Operations recommendation.

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has recommended to the Mayor and Council that Kevin Altomare be appointed to the position of Water Repairer 1/Sewer Repairer 1(Inspector); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that Kevin Altomare of 57 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ be appointed to the position of Water Repairer 1/Sewer Repairer 1(Inspector) effective on April 1, 2016, and is subject to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission’s testing procedures and the mandatory ninety (90) day working test period following certification at the annual salary of \$78,774 which conforms to the requirement in Schedule A of the Agreement with the Park Ridge Utility Employees Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator be and is hereby authorized to submit the necessary paperwork to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 016 – 089**

**AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPT STATUS FOR
DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS, Mr. James F. Miller of 22 Pascack Road, Block 1316 Lot 13 is a 100% Disabled Veteran;
and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller has been declared 100% Disabled Veteran Status by the State of New Jersey and the Borough of Park Ridge Assessor and he is totally exempt from paying property taxes going forward from his date of application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Tax Collector is authorized to exempt Mr. Miller 100% from taxes beginning with the 3rd quarter taxes due August 1, 2015.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- We received a letter from Senator Gerald Cardinale in response to my note to the DEP regarding the ongoing Handy & Harman contamination and remediation at 20 Craig Road Montvale NJ and I want to thank the Senator for his support with the DEP on our behalf.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Councilmember Bertini: Thank you, Mayor. I don’t have too much to report but I would like to say that our Wellness Committee, of which Kerri Cooper here is a member, is sponsoring a very special Walking Challenge this spring and a lot of members of the Council are involved – the Police Department is involved – it is a going to be a tremendous event for us and the kickoff is going to be April 30th – rain date of May 1st and there will be more coming out of that as we make progress.

Mayor Maguire: I will have to get that on my calendar, June. Thank you.

Councilmember Bertini: Great.

Councilmember Oppelt: Just a very short report, Mayor. We have our cameras ready with PKRG for the upcoming events. I know Matt is going to talk about some of the events coming up with the Rec Committee but we have the Egg Hunt coming up – Opening Day for baseball- your favorite and also the Memorial Day Parade – so we have our cameras ready.

Mayor Maguire: Pitchers and catchers – thanks, Bob.

Councilmember Misciagna: No real report, Mr. Mayor, but I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the Park Ridge High School Wrestling Team. They were voted the “Wrestling Team of the County” this year. Stan Woods was the “Coach of the Year.” Sam Schneider was voted “All American” and George Jacomelli “Third Team All American.” The team is near and dear to my heart because I coached most of those kids when they were very little in the Rec Program so I just want to acknowledge them and put them on the record.

Mayor Maguire: It was very exciting following them and I think we will have them in one night and recognize their efforts this year – Great job.

Councilmember Misciagna - They are the first “Group II State Champions” ever out of northern New Jersey so it has been a good year.

Mayor Maguire: That is a big achievement. Thank you.

Councilmember Capilli: Thank you, Mayor. Just like Councilmember Oppelt said we have the Easter Egg Hunt coming up this Saturday -10:30 at Davies Field – PRAA Opening Day is April 9th - so we will be kicking off the parade at 10:00am. I met yesterday with Board President, Joe Bruno and Dr. Gamper. We had a productive meeting and I am really looking forward to continuing to forge a mutually beneficial relationship between the two groups and I was excited about the progress we made yesterday. That is all I have, thank you.

Mayor Maguire: Excellent, thanks, Matt.

Council President Bosi: Thank you, Mayor.

On the Finance Side – the public presentation of the budget will be held here in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 10th. Residents will be receiving the budget newsletter prior to the May 10th presentation in the mail.

On the Utilities Front – The DPW – I believe spring has now sprung and the DPW is hard at work getting the fields ready for opening day along with this Saturday’s Easter Egg Hunt. While the past winter has not been as bad as others, potholes still creep up and the Road Department is out addressing as many potholes as possible. If any resident would like to report a pothole, please contact the Borough or me.

On the Electric Front - There have been no reported outages. The crews have been busy working on some major initiatives throughout the Borough.

On the Water Front – as many of you may be aware, our current Water Supervisor, Billy Hahn, will be retiring this upcoming May. After a lengthy search we have hired Christopher O’Leary as Bill’s replacement and will be shadowing Bill for the next few months. I would like to thank Bill for his long term career here at the Water Department and to a very relaxing and enjoyment retirement.

Just to add to the presentation that was presented today by George Mehm, sitting on the Utility Board for five years now, the quality that goes on as far as testing and making sure that everything is done correctly and that Park Ridge is the best in the State is unwavering – their

dedication there. Like George said, “I drink the water as well – and I go to bed each night knowing that the water is the best in the State.”

As far as the Library – I encourage our residents to check out our Library. They have many resources and activities for our residents that many don’t know about.

And lastly on the Green Team – the Bi-State Cleanup is on Saturday, April 23rd from 9am-1pm at the Pavilion. This year looks to be the biggest so far with various sponsors, partners and groups including Suez, Hackensack Riverkeepers, Keep Rockland Beautiful, Bergen SWAN, Hillsdale Environmental Commission, the Woodcliff Lake Green Team – it is a great event - you wouldn’t believe how much debris is picked up by everybody there and it actually helps us generate grants because actually Pete Wayne, who is our Road Supervisor, actually ends up picking this up and they weigh it and it helps to get us grant money – so the more debris we pick up the better our town looks as well as it helps us get some of the recycling grants that we use for street sweeping and other activities within the town.

I just have one more thing – some of you may or may not be aware – we applied for a grant for electric charging stations here in the Borough and we should be hearing whether we received that grant around March 24th – the next couple of days. Hopefully, that will come to fruition which will be something good for the Borough. Thank you.

Mayor Maguire: Excellent. Thank you, Rich, and thanks for all your work with the Finance Committee on the budget this year. I also want to echo the thanks to George and the Board and Public Utilities for their efforts and thanks for coming out tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Maguire asks for a motion to approve the minutes as follows:

Closed and Work Session Minutes Dated February 23, 2016 and March 8, 2016

Public Hearing Minutes dated February 23, 2016 and March 8, 2016

A motion was made by Council President Bosi and seconded by Councilmember Oppelt to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Bertini, Oppelt, Misciagna, Capilli, Council President Bosi

ABSENT: Councilmember Szot

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilmember Capilli and seconded by Councilmember Misciagna to adjourn the regular Mayor and Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelley R. O'Donnell, RMC
Borough Clerk/Administrator